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## Utah Acreage

**UTAH:** Planted acreage for corn and harvested acreage for alfalfa hay and all hay were up from last year. Planted acres for oats and barley, and harvested acres for all other hay, remained the same. Planted acreage for all wheat, winter wheat, other spring wheat, and dry beans were down.

**Corn** planted, at 65,000 acres, is up 18 percent from 2005. Corn acres to be harvested for grain, at 17,000 acres, is up 42 percent from last year. **Oats** planted acreage, at 50,000 acres, and harvested acreage, at 7,000 acres, remain the same as the previous year. **Barley** planted, at 40,000 acres, remained the same as 2005. Barley harvested for grain is forecast at 30,000 acres, up 25 percent from the previous year. **All wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 149,000, a decrease of 14,000 acres from 2005. All wheat harvested for grain is down 4 percent from last year, with 142,000 forecasted acres. **Other spring wheat** planted, at 14,000 acres, is 4,000 acres less than in 2005. Other spring wheat harvested for grain is expected to be 12,000 acres, down 1,000 acres. **Winter wheat** planted acreage in Utah for 2006, at 135,000, is down 7 percent from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 130,000 acres, a decrease of 5,000 acres from last year. **Dry beans** planted in Utah for 2006, at 4,000 acres, is down 500 acres from 2005. Dry bean acreage to be harvested is 3,400, down 1,100 acres from 2005. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage, at 540,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from last year. **All other hay**, at 160,000 harvested acres, remained the same as the previous year. **All hay** harvested acres, at 700,000 acres, increased 10,000 acres from 2005.

**UNITED STATES:** **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 79.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005, and 2 percent below 2004. Farmers increased corn plantings 2 percent from their March intentions. Growers expect to harvest 72.1 million acres for grain, down 4 percent from 2005. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, compared with the average of 98 percent for the past 10 years. **Oats:** Acres seeded for the 2006 crop year totaled 4.31 million acres, up 2 percent from last year's planted area. Growers expect to harvest 1.91 million acres for grain, up 5 percent from the 2005 harvested acreage of 1.82 million. **Barley:** Growers seeded 3.50 million acres for 2006, down 10 percent from the 3.88 million acres seeded a year ago, and the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Acres for harvest, at 2.99 million, are down 9 percent from the 2005 level, and the lowest since 1885. **Winter Wheat:** The 2006 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.4 million acres, 2 percent above last year but virtually unchanged from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 31.1 million acres, down slightly from the June 1 forecast and down 8 percent from last year. **Durum Wheat:** The Durum planted area for 2006 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 32 percent from last year. This is the lowest Durum wheat acreage since 1961. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.82 million acres, 33 percent below last year's level. **Other Spring Wheat:** Area planted to other spring wheat for 2006 is estimated at 14.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2005. Grain area is expected to total 14.2 million acres, also up 4 percent from last year. **Hay:** Producers expect to harvest 62.7 million acres of all hay in 2006, up 2 percent from 2005. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 22.4 million acres, up fractionally from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 40.3 million acres, up 3 percent from a year earlier. **Dry Beans:** U.S. dry bean growers planted 1.56 million acres for 2006, down 6 percent from last year but 15 percent above two years ago. The June planted acres estimate is 9 percent below growers March planting intentions. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.47 million, down 7 percent from last year but 20 percent above 2004. Lower prices for the 2005 crop contributed to the decrease in planted and harvested acres. Eleven of the 18 dry bean States have decreased planted acreage from a year ago, 2 are unchanged, and 5 have increased acres from 2005.

